

REMARKS

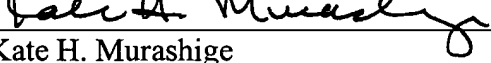
The claims have been amended to delete subject matter being pursued in co-pending applications.

Applicants wish to call the attention of the Office to PCT publication WO 00/20590, assigned to Incyte Pharmaceuticals Inc., and based on three (3) priority applications in the United States, two (2) of which are provisional applications. The apparently co-pending application is Serial No. 09/167,219, filed 6 October 1998. It is believed that the subject matter of the present claims overlaps that of the claims in the PCT publication. The Office may wish to consider the possibility of interfering subject matter in the present application and in any co-pending application related to the above-mentioned PCT publication.

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Respectfully submitted,

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EXHIBIT A. - MARKED-UP VERSION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

In the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph on page 1, at lines 4-6, as follows:

This application[claims the benefit of United States provisional patent application number 60/157,902, filed October 5, 1999, the entire contents of which are incorporated herein by reference] is a divisional application of U.S. Serial No. 09/680,728, filed 5 October 2000, and now pending, which claims priority from U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/157,902, filed 5 October 1999. The contents of these applications are incorporated herein by reference.